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10. In early April 1954 Minister for Machine Construction Heinrich Rau and State Secretary Kurt Gebhardt of the Main Administration for Wireless Telecommunications (EV Funkwesen), Ministry for Post and Telecommunications, urged the East German Council of Ministers to issue a government order for the construction of four television transmitters. Rau and Gebhardt pointed out the importance of these transmitters in the East German program for covering East Germany with a television network. The Council of Ministers acted upon the proposal and has now issued the order.

2. The television transmitters are to be located in the following places: Mahlow, Brandenburg; Lutz bei Magdeburg; on top of the Fichtelberg; and on top of the Inselberg. VEB Werk fuer Fernmeldewesen, Berlin-Oberschoene wald, has been assigned the task of constructing two of the television transmitters; the other two transmitters are to be constructed by VEB Sachsenwerk Radeberg. VEB Werk fuer Fernmeldewesen is to be responsible for procuring the necessary materials for all four transmitters, however. The project has been assigned an "extremely urgent" priority, and all factories which may have materials required for the television transmitter construction program have been ordered to reexamine their own supplies of material and to surrender, without regard to their own needs, any materials needed for the construction of the transmitters. In addition, two special plenipotentiaries were appointed to supervise and expedite construction. One is Paul Lange of the Main Administration RFT, and the other is Lange (inu) of the Main Administration for Wireless Telecommunications.

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